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1. The number of inhabitants in the autonomous Hungarian territory in Rumania appeared as 1,500,000 in the Rumanian election lists. Hungarian authorities claim that the true number is at least 3,000,000. Laszlo Pataki, Hungarian Minister to Bucharest, has stated that Rumania decreased the number so as to avoid giving the Hungarian population its proportional representation in the elections.
2. Many Hungarians now in Rumania have their families in Hungary, and the Hungarian Government has repeatedly asked for the return of these Hungarians to their families. Pataki has not been successful in holding a single concrete conversation on this subject since he has been in Rumania. When he brought up this problem in a talk with Prime Minister Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej, the latter replied that the question was well-known to the Rumanian Government which, for technical reasons, had been unable to reach a decision on the matter.
3. Despite the considerable damage which foxes are doing to crops in the autonomous Hungarian territory in Rumania, the Ministry of the Interior has not issued hunting-rifle licenses to peasants in the area. The Minister of the Interior has stated that the licenses were not granted because of other far more serious reasons.

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